

# BROWNE PHILANDER NEEDS PITCHERS DAVIS CUP PLAY STARTS TODAY

## BROWNS MAY RISE IN WORLD IF FOHL GETS NEW HURLERS

Better Pitchers Is Main Need of Missourians' New Manager.

By JACK NYE.

There's a saying that opportunity never knocks but once. If that be the case, it is certainly playing a tattoo on the door of Lee Foehl, who seems to be slated to control the destinies of the once meek and lowly St. Louis Browns.

It's a trifle early to begin dishing out the American League race for next season, but if statistics mean anything the Browns are going to be a dangerous proposition if their new manager can land the necessary hurling reinforcements.

It was a three-cornered race between Cleveland, New York and Chicago last season. The mighty White Sox machine has been shattered, and the Browns, who should show improvement over last season, loom as a dangerous proposition.

Finished just inside the first division in the past campaign and should climb a notch or two in the race to come.

What the Browns Did.

Here are a few figures, gleaned from the official records, indicating how capable the Burkenme were:

They were first in team batting with the lofty average of .308, topping the Indians by five points.

They were first in the number of hits compiled and also in total bases.

They slammed out the second largest number of home runs with 50, being topped only by the Red Sox and the rest of the Yanks, who amassed 115.

They were third in three-base hits with 53 and second in two strikes with 123.

In addition, the Browns showed a lot of speed on the sacks, swiping 118 of them, and finishing second only to the Nationals, who ran their total up to 160.

George Sisler, with a mark of .407, was the star of their wild outfield, but Burke put an outfield into action which was capable of some mighty damaging work.

They were first in the number of runs scored, with 134, and in the number of hits, with 149 passes to his credit.

The rest of the Browns slabs were nothing much to brag of.

Of the six new managers who get out in the big leagues next year, the St. Louis chieftain will have the roughest opportunity. And, starting as it may sound, it is not beyond the bounds of reason to say that he will have a standing "job" throughout the circuit, as he has been bidding for that piece of rag which signifies the championship.

Ole Erickson, the red-faced Swede who did some pitching for Mr. Griffith last season, was quiet enough as a general thing. But when he started to pitch he was sure a wild, wild horse.

The chief reason why he didn't win more games was the fact he walked just 128 men in the 36 games in which he took part. Ole and Davis, of St. Louis, copped all honors in this respect.

At the dinner table Erickson looked like a different party. He had a record of never missing the plate and he was a real winner, though he nearly always exceeded the full nine courses.

If he had as much control on the field as he has appetite, you couldn't head him.

Slapping on the wrist or elsewhere is too rough for these high-toned boxers. Pat Moore, of Memphis, has been warned that he will be penalized if he insists upon open-handed hitting.

It is still fair, however, to give your opponent in the ring a "nasty" look.

Outing's annual football honor roll is out. It is also "off." Of the 165 stars honored, each of whom was selected by at least two of the teams of the league.

Of V. M. L. one of the brightest backfield stars of the year is conspicuous by its absence. Georgia Tech, on the other hand, landed three of its stars on the list.

Any honor roll that doesn't name the name of Leach isn't worthy of the name.

Jack Flavin is Georgetown's representative on the Outing roll.

## ENGINEERS TO PLAY EPIPHANY COMETS

The Engineers of Washington Barracks are going to try to take the scalp from the Epiphany Comets tonight in the latter's "gym," the game to be called at 8:15.

The Engineers claim to have one of the best teams in the city, and expect to give the Comets a hard contest.

The undefeated Tigers of Epiphany will take on the Quincy Athletic Club as a preliminary.

The Epiphany Comets are traveling at a great clip and are out for the District championship in their class.

## YANKS WITHOUT NEW YEAR GAME

The Congress Height Yankees are without a game for New Year's night owing to the fact that the M. C. A. of Baltimore, Md., canceling. Manager Shaffer of the Yankees is desirous of booking up a strong local team for that night and any team looking for a contest that night should get in touch with him at Main 2416.

Navy Cadet, Capitol Silent Five or Ingram preferred. The Yankees are still dicker for the game with the Naval Academy to be played in Annapolis Wednesday afternoon.

## WELSH TO TRY RING COMEBACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Freddy Welsh, the former lightweight champion, will make his long delayed comeback next Tuesday at Newark, where he meets a youngster named Willie Green in a twelve-round bout. Welsh lost the title to Benny Leonard in 1917 and he has not engaged in a battle since. As Welsh was a veteran when he retired, it looks foolish on the face of things for him to come back at this late date. But Welsh is a comeback man, and never allowed the fact to accumulate and he still is little heavier than he was when he held the title.

## COLLYER'S COMMENT ON THE SPORT OF KINGS

By BERT E. COLLYER

Capitol City, 6 to 1.

Yea bo, this is the sweet patmed slammed over as the promised Christmas Day special. Days in advance one and all were warned to be ready. Now I hope even the doubting Thomases are satisfied. Yea wekkum.

Just for the sake of argument—being nasty—I'm going to slip you another slated to be yanked forth from the old brine barrel New Year Day. It is none other than that big white livered hound "The Swimmer."

I don't know how these people do it, but if they do it, it should be worth while listening to. You have the answer in the little white duke.

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## O'DOWD TO CLAIM TITLE IF WILSON REFUSES BATTLE

Middleweight Champ Has Failed to Keep Return Fight Promise.

By ED CULLEY.

With three champions passing over the stage in action at the Garden—Dempsey, Leonard and Harman—it appears to be about time for Johnny Wilson to speak his piece. Johnny is the owner of the middleweight title through the kindness of a friendly decision. He wanted the crown from Mike O'Dowd through a lucky streak of fortune up in Bawston.

Since that epoch in Wilson's career he's kept away from these diggings. In fact John has done little quarreling, his last effort resulted in his being patted freely by a George Robinson.

When Wilson was given O'Dowd's silk hat he promised the latter a chance for his old title. Mike has awaited the chance, but up to present time Wilson hasn't paid the slightest attention to O'Dowd's pleas.

There was a big offer dangled before Wilson to fight O'Dowd in a title event. Wilson declined on the ground he wasn't in good physical shape. Now his value as a drawing card has decreased to a terrible extent and the best offer he could get would be on a percentage basis.

As long as O'Dowd hasn't heard from Wilson he's beginning to get heart and send out slight claims on the crown. If Wilson doesn't defend it soon there isn't the least doubt that Wilson will be dethroned and O'Dowd's claim recognized.

The manner in which Wilson won the title from O'Dowd will help Michael in claiming his former diadem.

In the featherweight class there is hardly any likelihood of Johnny Kilbane fighting again. The featherweight champion hasn't paid any attention to the fact he could hardly make even the lightweight limit.

Naturally, Johnny isn't going to inform the world of his dilemma, for it wouldn't help him.

With the title tucked to his name he still remains before the public, as for donning gloves again, that's not to be. This makes it appear as if all aspiring "fighters" will have to wait for the coming dominoes to decide the next champion.

If the honorable English representative of the International Boxing Union wants to spend a pleasant evening let him visit the "Roaring Forties."

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## BASEBALL'S A LIBERAL BOSS



JUDGE K.M. LANDIS



TRIS SPEAKER



TY COBB



BABE RUTH

Baseball pays its hired men well. When Ty Cobb signed up as manager for the Detroit Tigers, he became the highest salaried player in baseball. McGraw gets a mere \$35,000, but he isn't on the playing field when the game is on. Then there are Judge Landis with \$42,500 and Tris Speaker and Babe Ruth, laboring for \$20,000 each. Besides, Eddie Collins of the White Sox, is said to be getting \$15,000 a year, and Grover Alexander is in the \$12,000 class.

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## BIG PURSE TEMPTS KANSAS TO BATTLE AGAIN SAYS WRITER

Money Willard's Only Object in Ring Return, Rocap Asserts.

By WILLIAM M. ROCAP.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—When it was announced in Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, that Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard had been matched to meet again, the howl that almost lifted the roof should have been proof positive that the public is through with Willard. He deceived the ring fans of this country and deliberately quit in a world's championship match, the first in boxing history, so far as the United States is concerned.

In Toledo, prior to the day of the contest, he told his friends that he was in perfect condition and fit to fight for a king's ransom. Now, in order to get another chance at Dempsey he says he was not in shape then, but will be when he steps into the ring again. Which statement is the public to believe? Nearer the truth is that Willard cares nothing for boxing fans or places no value on real sportsmanship. All he is after is the public's money. He knows that the loser's end of a Madison Square Garden gate is a considerable sum. That is what he wants. What does he care for public opinion?

The new governor of New York will perform a great public service if he announces that a Dempsey-Willard bout cannot be held in that State. If such an announcement is made, then the public will see how eager Willard is to fight. No money, no gate, no glory, will likely be the Kansas cow puncher's story.

If he thinks he can beat Demp